

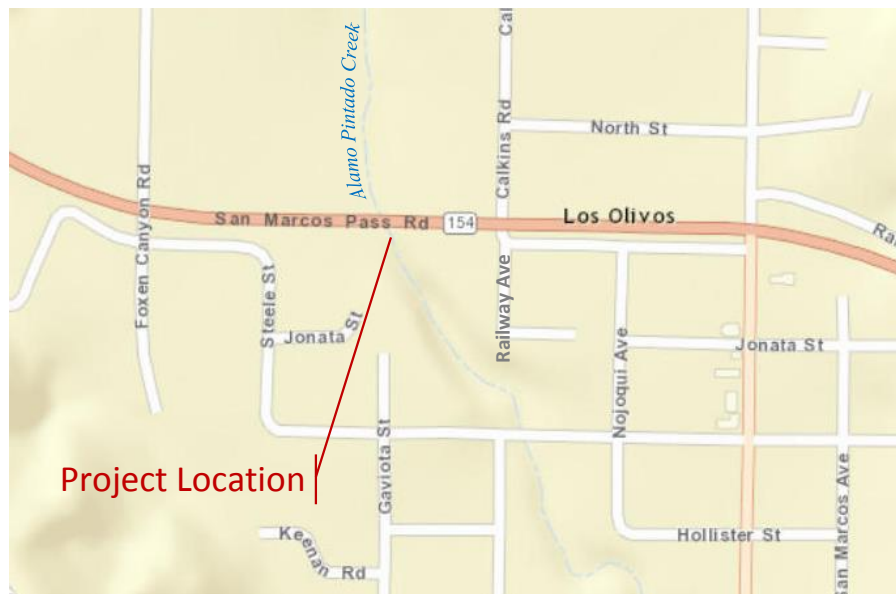
Notice of Preparation

Additional Information

I. Project Information

Project title: Remove Alamo Pintado Creek Pedestrian Bridge

Location: Adjacent to Route 154, between Foxen Canyon Road and Railway Avenue in Los Olivos, Santa Barbara County; USGS “Los Olivos” quadrangle.



The Alamo Pintado Creek pedestrian bridge spans an active seasonal creek channel. The bridge proposed for removal is located on a segment of the old Highway 154 alignment. The area of direct impact lies entirely within the confines of the State right of way.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of this project is to eliminate potential risk to the public due to an unstable bridge. The pedestrian bridge is a former highway bridge constructed in 1912 that now serves as pedestrian and equestrian access across Alamo Pintado Creek in Los Olivos. Due to channel degradation, the bridge piles that make up the piers are now heavily exposed, causing the bridge to sink slowly at its supports. The bridge is considered no longer stable under its own weight.

Description of work: The proposed project would remove the Alamo Pintado Creek pedestrian bridge (bridge no. 51-0076Y) via demolition. The bridge is located south of and parallel to the current 154 highway bridge (bridge no. 05-0076.) Minor grading and embankment restoration might also be necessary. A water line utility would need to be relocated from the old bridge to the current highway bridge as well.

II. Environmental Considerations

The following subjects will be analyzed during the environmental review process and the results incorporated into the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR):

Hydrology and Floodplain: The project is within a floodplain. A hydraulics study will be necessary to make sure the project does not have a significant impact on the floodplain.

Water Quality and Storm Water Runoff: There is potential for water quality impacts to Alamo Pintado creek. Measures could be required that address dewatering during construction, stream diversion, erosion control and proper BMPs.

Hazardous Waste/Materials: A Preliminary Site Investigation, Lead Compliance Plan, and asbestos investigation will be conducted.

Noise and Vibration (construction only): Depending on the type of construction activity and proximity of receptors, some construction could be restricted to specific hours in order to minimize disturbance.

Biological Environment: This project is anticipated to have a negligible effect on sensitive biological resources. Field studies will be conducted to establish presence/absence of all special-status species known to occur in the project vicinity. Sensitive communities that might be affected are riparian habitat and waters of the U.S. Construction would be limited to the minimum area necessary and “environmentally sensitive areas” (ESAs) would be established outside this area. Bridge netting, or another exclusionary device, could be required in order to eliminate birds and/or bats prior to demolition.

Land Use/Community Impacts/Context Sensitive Solutions: Interruption in the pedestrian/equestrian path will be reviewed for impacts on users and compliance with local land use policies.

Cultural Resources: Because of the age and historical context of the bridge, the project area is considered high sensitivity for historic architectural resources; it rates as medium sensitivity for archaeological resources. The pedestrian bridge has potential for National Register eligibility as an early example of an arched-rib, reinforced-concrete-deck bridge in Santa Barbara County. Research and follow up reports will be necessary to determine the eligibility of the bridge for the National Register, and to determine the significance of the bridge builder.

Cumulative Impacts: Many of the old bridges in the county have had to be replaced as they have reached the end of their lifespan. The removal of the pedestrian bridge could be contributing to cumulative impacts on historic resources.

The project is not expected to have any issues related to growth; farmlands or timberlands; geology, soils, seismic sensitivity or topography; paleontology; air quality; or energy and climate change.

III. Scoping Process and Early Coordination

Caltrans has undertaken an effort to solicit input from the public prior to preparation of the draft EIR. The Notice of Preparation is being mailed to the following responsible and trustee agencies, as well as the Office of Planning and Research:

- California Department of Fish & Game
- California Transportation Commission
- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Army Corp of Engineers

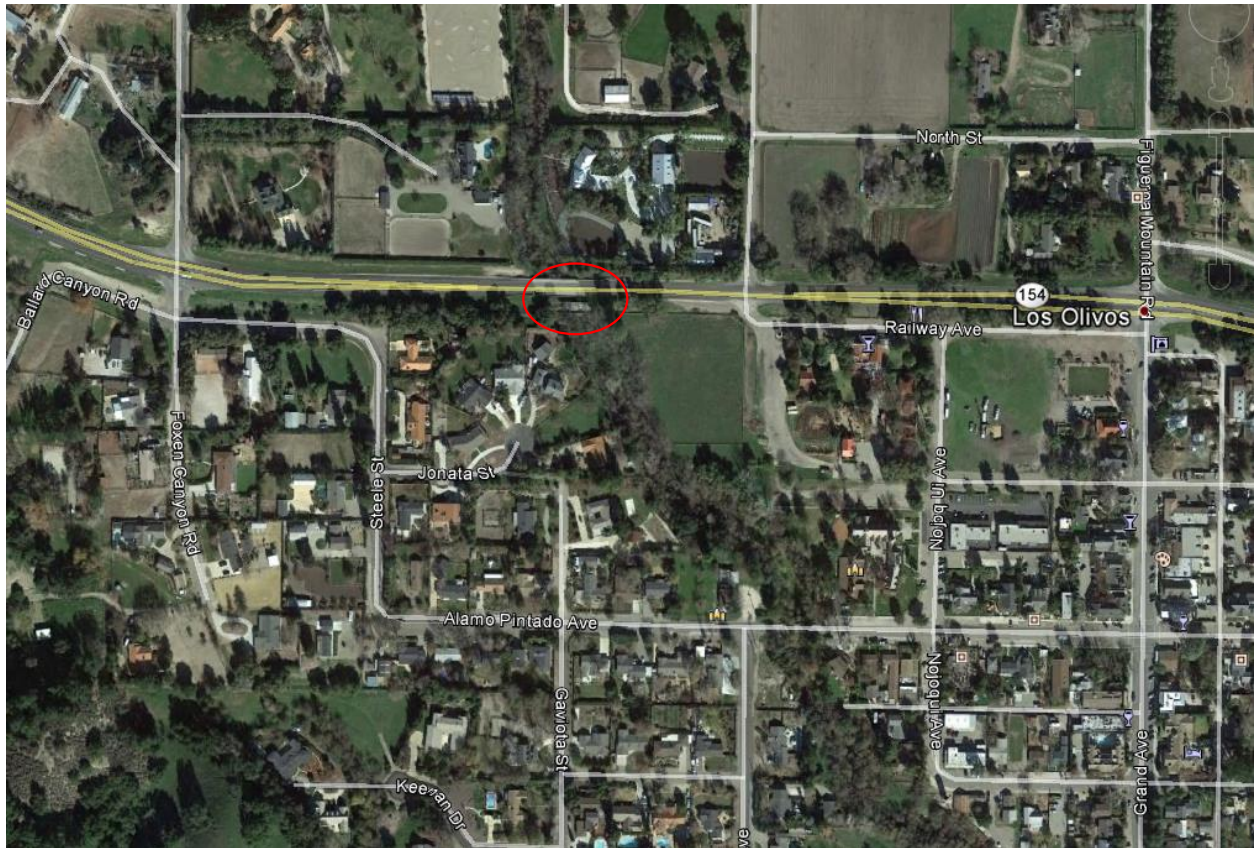
In compliance with the consultation process of Section 106, a letter has been mailed to the following historical organizations seeking additional input:

- Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission
- Santa Barbara Historical Society, Gledhill Library
- Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation
- Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society

An addition, a meeting will be held for the general public at:

Stacy Hall in St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2901 Nojoqui Ave, Los Olivos
May 22, 2017 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

A public notice to announce this meeting has been prepared for publication in the *Santa Ynez Valley News Extra* on May 4 and in the *Santa Ynez Valley News* subscription service on May 9. In addition, known interested parties will be notified of the meeting individually and flyers posted around Los Olivos.



Overview of project area



Project location

